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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #9

In re Application of:)
MAILLIET et al.) Group Art Unit: 1624
Serial No.: 10/040,370) Examiner: V. Balasubramanian
Filed: January 9, 2002)
For: Chemical Derivatives and Their)
Application as Antitelomerase)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office action mailed March 26, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response of one month. Thus, the response is due by Monday, April 28, 2003, and is timely filed.

REMARKS

In the Office action, the Office asserts that pending claims 1-31 are directed to 4 allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-31, drawn to compound of general formula shown in claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is a triazine or formula 1, composition and method of use, classified in class 544, subclasses 180 and 196; and class 514, subclasses 241 and 242.

Group II: Claims 1-7 and 27-31, drawn to compound of general formula shown in claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is a pyrimidine or quinazoline, composition and method of use, classified in

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